

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 9, and 17-19 are amended and claim 20 is canceled herein. With entry of this amendment, claims 1-19, and 21-23 will be pending.

Claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended to include the limitation of claim 20, which was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Accordingly, claims 1, 9, 17, and 18, and the claims depending therefrom, are submitted as patentable over the cited references.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 399-5608.

Respectfully submitted,



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